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APPLICATION OF: Jin JANG et al.

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EXAMINER: R. Kunemund

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FOR:

METHOD OF CRYSTALLIZING AMORPHOUS SILICON LAYER AND
CRYSTALLIZING APPARATUS THEREOF

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

This Request for Reconsideration is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 17, 2001.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-19, 22, and 24-41 are pending in the subject application. All claims stand rejected, either under 35 U.S.C. 102(a and e) as being anticipated by, or under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over, Makita et al. (US Patent 5,851,860). With all respect to the Examiner, the rejections of claims 1-19, 22 and 24-41 are traversed. Reconsideration and subsequent allowance of the subject application in light of the following remarks are solicited.

We plead with the Examiner to carefully review the section of Makita et al., specifically column 23, lines 18-42, that is relied upon when rejecting the pending claims. The US Patent and Trademark Office's position, that column 23, lines 18-42 discloses plasma deposition of a catalyst into exposed amorphous silicon, is incorrect.

We wish to point out that column 23, lines 18-19 begins with an introductory clause, "In the above-described two production methods developed by the present inventors, ..." That